

Votes to Keep Jobs in U.S.

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today voted to reverse the National Labor Relations Board's (NLRB) ruling that would close Boeing's new manufacturing plant in South Carolina and destroy thousands of jobs – a ruling Rooney said sets a terrible precedent and will hurt job creation in states like Florida.

"The Obama appointees on the National Labor Relations Board have taken government interference in private business to a new and frightening level," Rooney said. "Their decision to block a private company from opening a plant in a right-to-work state should send chills down the backs of every business owner in the country.

"The fact is, Boeing is facing a drawn-out legal battle for creating thousands of jobs in the United States – and it's a battle they could have avoided had they opened their new plant out of the country and outside the reach of the Obama Administration. In Florida, our state and local officials are working hard to encourage businesses to build and invest in our state, but you can bet this ruling has many of those job creators thinking twice about opening new facilities in this country."

Rooney urged President Obama to call on Senate Majority Leader Reid to take up and pass the "Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act," H.R. 2587, which would prohibit NLRB from ordering any employer to relocate, shut down or transfer employment.

"Passing this bill into law is critical to giving businesses the confidence to invest, grow and create jobs in America," Rooney said. "Allowing this flawed, partisan ruling to stand is tantamount to telling our business owners to create jobs somewhere else."

Associated Industries of Florida, which represents small and large businesses across the state, has strongly endorsed H.R. 2587, noting that, "The NLRB's overreach in this case will have a devastating ripple effect on job creation across the United States, including here in Florida."

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